Washington, D.C. 20505

The Honorable Eugene V. McAuliffe
Assistant Secretary of Defense
 International Security Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. McAuliffe:

Thank you for your reaction to the recent CIA
report on the Soviet concept for initial military
operations against NATO. It is gratifying to know
that you found it informative.

It is true we have concentrated our resources on
learning more about the Soviet forces in central Europe,
and have given less attention to the rest of the Warsaw
Pact. We do plan to publish a paper in late spring on
the over-all balance in central Europe, and we expect
to publish another later in the year on how the Warsaw
Pact would go to a war footing in central Europe. We
will forward these studies to you and DIA. In the mean-
time we will provide whatever help we can to DIA for the
work you outlined.

Regarding comparisons of defense budgets and man-
power between East and West European countries, we
cannot now provide such information. This kind of analy-
sis requires a large, long-term commitment of resources,
which up to now has been limited to questions on Soviet
and Chinese military expenditures. Others, including
Secretary Brown, have expressed interests similar to
yours, but so far none has recommended any diversion of
resources from the effort on Soviet expenditures. I
welcome your thoughts on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER
Admiral, U.S. Navy

25X1

Copy furnished:
  Lt. Gen. Samuel Wilson, USA
  Director, Defense Intelligence
    Agency

Vandy

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI

Sayre:

The boss thought this letter was O.K., but before sending it on he felt that he and the DCI should have a clearer idea of what level of resources is being considered in the last paragraph. Could your people give him a few groups on this?

X1

A/DDCI

21/3/77

(DATE)

FORM NO. 101 REPLACES FORM 10-101
AUG 54 WHICH MAY BE USED.   (47)